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Complaint Description: 08A Rate Case Items - Opposed
N/A Not Applicable

Complaint By: First: Gary J. Last: Zalimeni

Account Name: Gary J. Zalimeni

Home: [REDACTED]

Street: [REDACTED]

Work:

City: Carefree

CBR:

State: AZ Zip: [REDACTED]

is:

Utility Company: Newpath Networks, LLC

Division: Telephone

Contact Name: [REDACTED]

Contact Phone: [REDACTED]

Nature of Complaint:

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED - OPINION OPPOSED:

RE: Docket No. T-20567A-07-0662

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Case or Utility Name: New Path Licensing

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Gentlemen:

I am sure you have heard all the legal jargon and technical data about the proposed cell towers by New Path Networks. I want to give you the human side of it.

My wife and I have been together since 1963, she was 15 and I was 17 when we met, we are now in our 60s. Our hometown, Ashtabula, Ohio was the home of just about every chemical Corp. in America, it was a town built on the promises of industrial corporations. Their promises were empty promises because when they left there was literally billions of dollars worth of clean-up remaining. These industries supplied good paying jobs but left a legacy of death, for instance, in a two block area where we lived, 43 people died of cancer including my mom

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and dad. In 1995 my beautiful wife Rosemary contracted breast cancer. She was saved by the doctors at the Cleveland Clinic and not a day goes by that I don't worry about her health. Even the most minor symptoms like a cold, fever, or chills make me cringe with fear. My wife worked for Alltel, a local phone co. and never realized the danger she was facing by working in a building with a cell tower above it. The very last thing Dr. Joseph Crow, a world renowned breast cancer surgeon, told her was "Rosemary", please do be by any cell towers in the future." We have learned that NewPath plans to put a cell tower about 50 feet from our home.

Members of the Committee, we worked and saved our entire lives to be able to live in the clean and safe environment that Carefree offers but now our lifelong dream rests in your hands. We will be forced to move from our little piece of paradise, if the cell towers are erected here in Carefree. What we spent our entire life working for is now at risk based on the decision that you make.

Please be aware of the following facts:

Cell towers emit radio frequencies (RF), a form of electromagnetic radiation, for a distance of up to 2 1/2 miles. They are essentially the same frequency radiation as microwaves in a microwave oven.

Studies have shown that even at low levels of radiation, there is evidence of damage to cell tissue and DNA and it has been linked to brain tumors, cancer, suppressed immune function, depression, miscarriage, Alzheimer's disease, and numerous other serious illnesses.

Children are at greatest risk, due to their thinner skulls, and rapid rate of growth. Also at great risk are the elderly, the frail and pregnant women.

Over 100 physicians and scientists at Harvard and Boston University Schools of Public Health have called cellular towers a radiation hazard. 33 delegate physicians from 7 countries have declared cell phone towers a 'public health emergency.'

The current standard for radiation exposure from cell phone towers is 580 - 1,000 microwatts per square. Cm. (mW/cm²), among the least protective in the world. More progressive European countries have set standards 100 to 1,000 times lower than that of the U.S.

Contrary to what the communications industry tells us, there is vast scientific epidemiological and medical evidence that confirms that exposure to RF and microwave radiation emitted from cell towers, even at low levels, can have profound adverse effects on biological systems.

In 1998 the Vienna Resolution, signed by 16 of the world's leading bioelectromagnetic researchers, provided a consensus statement that NO safe exposure level can be established.

Cell phone towers expose the public to involuntary, chronic, cumulative Radio Frequency Radiation. Low levels of RFR have been shown to be associated with changes in cell proliferation and DNA damage. These harmful low levels can reach several miles from the tower location. Reported and documented health problems including, headache, sleep disorders, memory impairment, nosebleeds, an increase in seizures, blood brain barrier leakage, increased heart rates, lower sperm counts and impaired nervous systems.

Doctor Neil Cherry, Ph.D., a noted biophysicist, wrote a 120-page review of 188 scientific studies. "The electromagnetic radiation causes cells to change in a way that makes them cancer forming. It can increase the rate of cancer two to five times," he said.

Once a cell tower is erected, it has proved very difficult to verify the radiation within legal limits. There are NO Safety measures in place to ensure that the towers are not emitting higher radiation levels than legally allowed. Property values plummet once a cell tower is erected, due to the perceived risk of negative health effects. Cellular phone frequencies have also seriously disrupted local emergency and law enforcement radio communications.

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To conclude, NewPath is already embroiled in several lawsuits, they have proven themselves to be completely unresponsive to the community time and time again and they display little regard for the sanctity of private property. Renegade companies like this, with almost no experience in their field to speak of, go into a community with nil concern for the rights of the taxpaying public. A community needs good corporate neighbors, not corporate raiders.

NewPath bully theft way around under the guise of being a public utility. Are they a gas company? No. Are they an electric company? No. Are they a water company? No. Are they a phone company? No. If they are none of the above then what right do they have to be granted a license?

I am the Chairman of the Carefree Preservation Committee and we have petitions with hundreds of names that are against the cell towers.

Please, for all the right reasons, do not grant a license to NewPath Networks.

Thank you very much

Respectfully,

Gary J. Zalimeni, chairman
Carefree Preservation Committee

P.S. I had intended to mail this prior to the deadline date, however, I just today was released from a 7 day stay at the Mayo Clinic. I hope you will accept this as part of the record in spite of the delay in me getting this to you.
End of Complaint

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

Docketed with the Docket Control Center of the Arizona Corporation Commission to be made part of the record.
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End of Comments

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